Statement-I

Actual Expenditure During the Last three years and Current Year.

Supreme Court

(Figures in thousands)

Financial Year	Actual Expenditure
1984-85 . . .	1,99,02
1985-86 . . .	2,35,02
1986-87 . . .	3,59,19
1987-88 . . .	4,15,67
Actual upto 31-10-87.	

Punjab and Haryana

	Voted (Judges)	Charged (Estt.)
1984-85	14,96,000	1,69,86,000
1985-86	15,52,000	1,89,57,000
1986-87	15,06,000	2,00,71,000
Upto 31st October	16,33,000 1987 88	1,74,00,000

Statement-II

Receipt During the last three years and Current Year

Supreme Court

Year	Amount
1984	63,41,567 00
1985	66,88,138 00
1986	68,49,633·00
1987 (upto 31-10-1987) .	42,25,035 00

(This does not include Court fee realised in issuing certified copies of Court's Orders etc.)

Punjab and Haryana

Year	Receipt by way of Court Fees
1984-85	87,32,606
1985-86	92,31,070
1986-87	1,14,44,513
1987-88	16,09,793
(Upto 31st October, 1987)	

Mounting arrears of pending court cases

2747. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength and also vacancies of judges in each High Court and the Supreme Court as on 30th September, 1985, 30th September, 1986 and 30th September, 1987;

(b) the number of pending cases in each High Court and the Supreme Court, as on the above dates;

(c) the additional strength of each High Court and the Supreme Court being considered to reduce the arrears and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) what is Government's latest policy with regard to the serious situation arising out of mounting arrears of pending cases despite all the steps taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The position has been indicated in Statement-I, attached herewith. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 191).

(b) As per information furnished by the Registries of the Supreme Court and High Courts, the position has been indicated in Statement-II, attached herewith. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 120).

(c) It has been agreed to create 90 more posts of Permanent/Additional Judges in various High Courts. The High Court-wise break-up has been indicated in Statement-III, attached herewith. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 121). As regards Supreme Court, the present sanctioned strength of 26 Judges (including the Chief Justice of India) is considered sufficient for the present.

(d) Law Commission has submitted certain Reports on Judicial Reforms. With the implementation of the recommendations made in these Reports, the pendency in courts is expected to be considerably reduced. Further, with the enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, many cases are expected to be solved by Lok Adalats, as a result of which, fresh institution of cases is likely to be substantially reduced.